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Larry Wright, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

Pursuant to Section 142.12 (b) of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), I am writing to request a 2-year extension to submit our State's request for adopting new drinking water primacy regulations. Specifically, this request concerns the Safe Drinking Water Act's new primacy rules contained in the November 8, 2006, Federal Register Notice (Ground Water rule). Resource and FTE limitations have limited our efforts to promulgate state regulations that would include these rules by reference, but we are requesting this extension in hopes that resources will become available to allow us to pursue primacy in the future. Until such time, we will continue to assist Region 6 in implementation of this rule as resources allow.

The Department of Environmental Quality has authority to enforce the public water supply rules and will adopt rules referencing the above listed EPA rules when resources are available. A complete primacy package will be submitted as soon as practical after adoption of those rules.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. You may call Mike Harrell at (405)702-8158 if you have further questions concerning this extension.

Sincerely,

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